

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title and claims 8-10 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants amended the title to read "AN INTEGRATED TEST CIRCUIT, A TEST CIRCUIT, AND A TEST METHOD FOR PERFORMING TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION PROCESSING TO AND FROM A FIRST AND A SECOND MACRO BLOCK AT A FIRST FREQUENCY " in order to further clarify the claimed subject matter.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Kerveros at the interview held July 23, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

During the interview, independent claims 1 and 15, which are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,671,839 to Cote et al. (hereinafter "Cote") were discussed. During this interview, Applicants' representatives and the Examiner agreed that at least independent claims 1 and 15 distinguish over Cote because Cote does not teach receiving data, a transmission register at a first frequency and transmitting data from a transmission register at a second frequency. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication.

Claims 4-7, 11-14 and 18-21 are provisionally withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 8-10 are objected to as being of improper dependent form failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim, and are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cote.

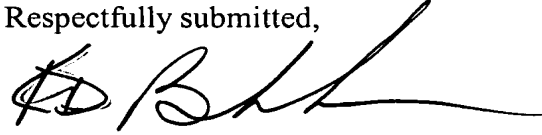
The Office Action objects to and rejects claims 8-10, as discussed above. However, claim 8 is amended into independent form, defining additional features, as claimed, to obviate the objection and rejection. Further, claims 9 and 10 both depend from independent claim 8 and both themselves identify additional subject matter, as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests withdrawal of claim objections for failing to further limit subject matter of the previous claim, and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

As discussed above, independent claims 1, 8 and 15 are not anticipated by, nor are they rendered obvious over, Cote. Further, dependent claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 are allowable for at least their dependence on allowable independent claims 1, 8 and 15, as well as the separately patentable subject matter that is disclosed therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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